

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine, comprising: having
a print table;
a gripper mechanism (11, 12) assigned to the print table (3), said gripper
mechanism arranged to convey for conveying the print material (10) into and out
of the printing machine, characterized by; and
a flexible flat carrier (16) ~~which is~~ connected to the gripper mechanism
(11, 12) and arranged to support on which the print material held by the gripper
mechanism rests.
2. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier (16) is ~~designed to be~~ air-permeable.
3. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier (16) is ~~designed to be~~ antistatic.
4. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier (16) is ~~designed to be~~ wear-resistant.

5. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least a portion of the carrier (16) supporting print material is made of cloth.

6. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cloth is UV-resistant and thermally stable.

7. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gripper mechanism has at least two ~~a pair of~~ grippers ~~(11, 12; 12, 13; 13, 14; 14, 11)~~ which is located on and driven by a conveyor chains ~~(15) for each, the~~ and one carrier ~~(16) being held between each pair of grippers~~ them.

8. (Currently Amended) Screen printing machine as claimed in Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier ~~(16)~~ is connected to at least one of the grippers ~~(12)~~ by an elastic intermediate piece ~~(17)~~.

9. (New) A method of conveying print material through a screen printing machine, comprising the steps of:

providing a screen printing machine, said printing machine including
a print table,

a plurality of gripper mechanisms assigned to the print table, said
gripper mechanisms arranged to convey print material into and out
of the printing machine,
at least one flexible flat carrier, each carrier connected to between two
gripper mechanisms and arranged to support print material held by
the gripper mechanisms, and
a conveyor on which the gripper mechanisms are carried;
gripping print material with the gripper mechanisms;
advancing the conveyor to transport the print material into the printing
machine to a printing position;
further advancing the conveyor to transport the print material out of the
printing machine.

10. (New) The method of conveying print material through a screen
printing machine of claim 9, wherein the at least one carrier is air-permeable,
further comprising the steps of:

applying a vacuum to the at least one flat flexible carrier to fix the print
material to the carrier.